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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ARMY BARRACKS SNAG

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1. ACCORDING CE TEC'S NORMAN LOVEJOY, AN MOD REORGANIZATION AFFECTING BARRACKS BUILDING HAS STALLED PROGRESS ON THE 20 CANTONMENTS UNDER CE TEC SUPERVISION. AT DIRECTION OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, MOD HAS CREATED A NEW OFFICE FOR BARRACKS PROJECTS UNDER A NEW PERMANENT SECRETARY, FOLA ALADE, FORMERLY OR POSSIBLY STILL WITH MINISTRY OF WORKS. ALADE HAS REFUSED PAY CE TEC FOR WORK DONE TO DATE, CAUSING FIRM'S JOHN FOTI TO RETURN STAMFORD DEC. 9 AFTER ORDERING LOVEJOY TO HOLD BIDS UNOPENED UNTIL PAYMENT RECEIVED. FURTHER, CE TEC ALSO HOLDING A SIZEABLE TENDER ADDENDUM WHICH LOVEJOY SAYS IS INTENDED FOR BIDDING FIRMS TO ENABLE THEM TO REVISE BIDS DOWNWARDS. CE TEC TEAM HERE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS COMPILED NEW DATA AND FOUND MANY COST-CUTTING POSSIBILITIES WHICH INCORPORATED IN ADDENDUM. ALADE APPARENTLY FEELS HE LACKS SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY RELEASE BARRACKS PAYMENTS WHILE MOD OFFICE FORMERLY SUPERVISING PROJECT SAYS IT NO LONGER HAS ANY AUTHORITY IN PROJECT. CE TEC HOPES HIGHER AUTHORITY CAN STRAIGHTEN OUT MATTER BUT ESTIMATES THAT, WITH BID ADDENDUM, BIDS COULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL JAN. 14-21.

2. COMMENT: MINISTRY WORKS PERSONNEL OFTEN TEND TO FEEL, CONTRARY REALITY, THAT THEY CAN MANAGE PROJECTS WITHOUT FOREIGNERS. ALADE MAY OR MAY NOT BE WITHHOLDING PAYMENT TO DRIVE CE TEC OUT. TIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL TELL, MEANWHILE FOREGOING FOR BACKGROUND ONLY. CE TEC

DESIRES NO RPT NO USG ACTION AT THIS TIME. INQUIRERS SHOULD BE
TOLD ONLY THAT WE UNDERSTAND BID OPENING DELAYED AND REFERRED TO
CE TEC.
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